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80TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. 758**  
*(HR 2319)*

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 19), 1947

Mr. GURNEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Armed Services

**A BILL**

To promote the national security by providing for a National Defense Establishment, which shall be administered by a Secretary of National Defense, and for a Department of the Army, a Department of the Navy, and a Department of the Air Force within the National Defense Establishment, and for the coordination of the activities of the National Defense Establishment with other departments and agencies of the Government concerned with the national security.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SHORT TITLE

4 That this Act may be cited as the "National Security  
5 Act of 1947".

1 for the purposes for which the appropriations, allocations,  
2 or other funds were originally made available, or for new  
3 expenditures occasioned by the enactment of this Act. The  
4 transfers herein authorized may be made with or without  
5 warrant action as may be appropriate from time to time  
6 from any appropriation covered by this section to any  
7 other such appropriation or to such new accounts established  
8 on the books of the Treasury as may be determined to be  
9 necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

10           AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

11       SEC. 308. There are hereby authorized to be appro-  
12 priated such sums as may be necessary and appropriate  
13 to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Act.

14           DEFINITION

15       SEC. 309. As used in this Act, the term "function"  
16 includes functions, powers, and duties.

17           SEPARABILITY

18       SEC. 310. If any provision of this Act or the applica-  
19 tion thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid,  
20 the validity of the remainder of the Act and of the applica-  
21 tion of such provision to other persons and circumstances  
22 shall not be affected thereby.